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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 5, please replace the paragraph that starts on line 6 with the words "In a particular" and ends on line 22 with the words "polyethylene wax" with the following amended paragraph:

In a particular aspect of the present invention, the fluoroelastomer composition may further comprise a vegetable wax or non-vegetable wax and derivatives thereof such as those available under the tradename ARMEEN 18D Armeen™ 18D. A synergistic effect on the flow properties of the fluoroelastomer composition during processing has been observed if the mineral oil is used in combination with a wax. For example, good flow properties were obtained with 2 parts or less by weight of mineral oil per 100 parts by weight of fluoroelastomer combined with 1 part by weight or less of a wax, in particular a vegetable ~~[[was]]~~ wax, per 100 parts by weight of fluoroelastomer. Preferably, the amount of wax (vegetable or non-vegetable) included in the fluoroelastomer composition will be less than 2 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the fluoroelastomer. Particularly when the wax is a vegetable wax, the amount thereof is preferably kept below 2 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of fluoroelastomer, preferably between 0.2 and 1.5 parts by weight for 100 parts by weight of fluoroelastomer. It has been observed that if the amount of vegetable wax such as carnauba wax is included in amounts of 2 or more parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the fluoroelastomer, the composition may become undesirable for processing with injection molding and extrusion and /or have an undesirable effect on the properties of the finished article. Examples of waxes that may be used in the fluoroelastomer composition include carnauba wax, VPA No. 2, Montan wax, polyethylene wax.